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NOTHING TO REPORT

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BREAST CANCER HEARING
LOURDES DEL RIO. MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:17

Breast ultrasounds found 100 percent of suspicious cancers in women under 40 who found lumps or other suspicious areas of the breast, offering a cheaper, less-invasive alternative to surgery or biopsies, U.S. researchers said Wednesday. They said targeted ultrasound -- which examines just the area of the breast where a lump is identified -- should become the standard of care for women under 40. The findings may address some of the concerns raised by a federal advisory panel about breast exams done by women or doctors to investigate lumps or hot spots in the breast, which most often turn out to be harmless.

12/03/09

OBAMA JOB SUMMIT
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:13

The decline in weekly jobless claims reported Thursday is "certainly hopeful," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said. He also told reporters that the White House is open to any idea that could spur job creation. President Barack Obama turns his attention Thursday from Afghanistan to the battle against U.S. unemployment, which has sapped his popularity at home and may shape his political future. Obama is hosting a forum with business leaders at the White House to discuss how to boost jobs after U.S. unemployment hit a 26-year peak of 10.2 percent in October. But the gathering has been dismissed by critics as a public relations exercise.

12/04/09

JOBS AND ECONOMY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK
PKG 2:07

With a report due out on November unemployment tomorrow, President Barack Obama is vowing to take "every responsible step to accelerate job creation." At a meeting with more than 100 CEOs, academics, small business and union leaders, Obama highlighted some ideas for job growth that could be put into action quickly. Among the possibilities is a program to make homes more energy efficient.

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US HEALTH OVERALL

VO :22

The partisan debate over President Barack Obama's health care overhaul continues during a rare weekend session of the Senate. Medicare cuts are at the core of the debate, as well as the public health insurance option. Liberal and moderate Democrats are still struggling to find a compromise on a proposed government insurance plan.

DANGEROUS PAIN KILLER

LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

PKG 2:00

In light of a few high profile deaths that have been potentially linked to the abuse of prescription drugs, it has pushed to the forefront an issue that has grasped America but is rarely talked about for how many lives it has impacted. We tend to hear about painkiller addiction here and there, with the occasional celebrity coming out and admitting they have or have had a problem with prescription pain medications, but with the recent death of Michael Jackson being linked to possible pain med addiction; it has really forced a much needed dialogue about this epidemic.

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OBAMA HEALTH CARE

VO :40

The debate on health care reform is heating up in the Senate this weekend as Republicans continue to put pressure on Democrats, who themselves are divided over how to pay for the nearly \$1 trillion dollar legislation. Medicare cuts are a hot button issue, as is a proposed government insurance plan. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid is still short of the 60 votes he needs to shut off debate on health care reform legislation and move to a final up-or-down vote on the bill. Today, he inched closer to that goal when President Barack Obama made a rare visit to Capitol Hill to rally Democrats. Obama urged moderates and liberals to work harder to resolve their differences, including those involving a government insurance option and abortion.

12/07/09

HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL

LOURDES DEL RIO- MIAMI, FL

PKG 2:07

Anti-abortion lawmakers in both parties have insisted that taxpayer funds not be used to pay for abortions in government-run health programs. But some liberals say proposed restrictions go too far by barring federally subsidized health insurance plans from covering abortion even if the procedures were entirely paid for with customers' premiums.

BAILOUT COSTS

BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK

PKG 2:17

The Obama administration will lose \$200 billion less than expected from the federal bailout program and is looking at using part of the savings to fund new job creation efforts. A Treasury official said that the administration now believes the cost of the financial rescue program will be at least \$200 billion below the \$341 billion estimate it made in August.

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OBAMA AND ECONOMY
BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ- NUEVA YORK
PKG 2:31

President Barack Obama says staggering job losses mean the country must continue to "spend our way out of this recession" with a round of new incentives for hiring. In a speech at the Brookings Institution, Obama proposed a package intended to stimulate job creation and bring down the country's 10 percent unemployment rate. The measures include more money for infrastructure projects, tax cuts and credit access for small businesses. It also includes rebates to consumers who make their homes more energy efficient.

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HEALTH CARE BILL
LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:11

Even though Democrats in the Senate appear to be ready to get rid of the public option -- it looks like the coalition backing President Barack Obama's health care bill is still together. A compromise that's in the works would include private insurance plans under the auspices of the federal employee health program. And it would also allow middle-aged people to buy into Medicare. And a leading liberal, former party chairman Howard Dean, is signaling that he could live with that. But a powerful small business group is voicing its objections to the Democratic bill. The National Federation of Independent Business says it would raise costs and make it harder to create jobs.

SMOKING KILLS 5 MILLION A YEAR
VO: 45

The World Health Organization is reporting that tobacco use kills at least 5 million people every year. A new study says that number could rise if countries don't take stronger anti-smoking measures. The U.N. agency says most of the world -- nearly 95 percent of the global population -- isn't covered by laws that ban smoking. WHO also reports that secondhand smoke kills about 600,000 people every year. The report describes various strategies to curb smoking around the world. These include enforcing bans on tobacco advertising and raising taxes on tobacco products.

12/10/09

FORECLOSURE FALL IN NOVEMBER
VO :12

U.S. foreclosure activity fell in November for the fourth month running, but improvement from July's record high came from loan modification programs that may fail to permanently remedy many failing mortgages, real estate Data Company RealtyTrac said on Thursday. Foreclosure filings -- including notices of default, auction and bank repossession -- dropped 8 percent last month and were down 15 percent from the July peak. till, filings were reported on more than 300,000 homes for the ninth straight month, having never been that high in any month before this year, and were 18 percent higher than a year ago.

JOBLESS RATE RISE
VO :17

The number of newly laid-off workers seeking jobless benefits rose more than expected last week, after falling for five straight weeks. Despite the increase, claims have fallen steadily since this summer, a sign that job cuts are slowing and hiring could pick up as soon as early next year

amid a broad economic recovery. Initial claims for unemployment insurance rose by 17,000 to a seasonally adjusted 474,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That was above analysts' expectations of 460,000 new claims. Claims were partly inflated by a surge following the Thanksgiving holiday week, when many state unemployment offices are closed, a department analyst said. Seasonal layoffs in the construction industry also played a role.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM
LOURDES DEL RIO, MIAMI, FLORIDA
PKG 2:08**

On Tuesday, December 15, Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) will introduce new legislation, the Comprehensive Immigration Reform for America's Security and Prosperity Act of 2009 (CIR ASAP), to the U.S. House of Representatives. Gutierrez will be joined by members of many different faiths and backgrounds, including the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, Black Caucus, Asian Pacific American Caucus and Progressive Caucus.

**TARGETING CRIMINAL ALIENS
LUIS MEGID, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 1:51**

Nearly 300 foreign nationals with criminal records have been removed from the United States or is facing deportation following a three-day enforcement surge in California, making it the biggest operation targeting at large criminal aliens ever carried out by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). During the operation, which concluded late Thursday, ICE officers located and arrested a total of 280 criminal aliens statewide, along with six non-criminal aliens who had final orders of deportation.

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**CONGRESS SPENDING
VO: 23**

Senate Democrats overcame a Republican filibuster to clear the way for a vote Sunday on a huge end-of-year \$1.1 trillion spending bill that includes money to run much of the government and pay for Medicare and Medicaid benefits. The spending measure gives the Education Department, the State Department, the Department of Health and Human Services and others generous budget increases far exceeding inflation.

**OBAMA AND BANKS
VO: 19**

President Barack Obama's economic advisers are talking tough about the banks ahead of his meeting with heads of financial institutions. Larry Summers and Christina Romer say Obama will press bankers Monday to ease lending to help Americans get back to work. As summers put it, bankers need to recognize that "they've got obligations to the country after all that's been done for them."

**HEALTH CARE OVERHAUL
VO: 10**

A plan to let people as young as 55 buy into Medicare, heralded as a breakthrough in the Senate's health care debate, ran into resistance Sunday from lawmakers who can make or break Democrats' efforts to reshape the nation's health insurance system.

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**OBAMA AND BANKS
LOURDES MELUZA- WASHINGTON, DC
PKG 2:00**

Obama, in a statement after more than an hour long meeting with the executives, said he reminded them that much of the financial crisis that took the U.S. banking system to the brink of collapse had been "of their own making." He also exhorted the executives -- both in private and in public -- to drop their opposition to an overhaul of the nation's financial industry.

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**IMMIGRATION REFORM
JAIME GARCIA- LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:15**

Hispanic, black, Asian and other House lawmakers backing immigration overhaul called Tuesday for legalizing illegal immigrants in the U.S., despite a weakened economy and joblessness. The coalition of lawmakers said Tuesday immigration reform can protect American workers as well as bring into the mainstream economy productive immigrant workers who have lived in the shadows because of their illegal status.

**H1N1 VACCINE
LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
PKG 2:00**

It seems like every couple days, you hear something about the swine flu in the news. And one thing that we've heard time and time again is health officials recommending that all kids get vaccinated. The vaccine being recalled was made by Sanofi Pasteur and was shipped to North Carolina in mid to late November. All of it, meant for kids between six and 35 months old and all of it, in shot form.

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